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Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone interview on July 14, 2008. During that interview, the *Boltrek* reference was discussed and the Examiner explained her interpretation of the term "compressible." No specific agreement was reached regarding the claims although the Examiner indicated that different claim language such as deformable or pliable would not fit into her interpretation of the *Boltrek* reference.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application where claims 1 through 26 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 of claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 based upon the *Boltrek* reference. Applicant respectfully submits that the *Boltrek* reference does not have a drive belt with teeth having anything corresponding to a pliable projection as recited in claim 1 nor a portion that elastically deforms responsive to contact with a step chain as recited in claim 13. The rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative will be happy to discuss any issues regarding this application and can be contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

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